

Summer Matters offers Extended School Year (ESY) programs for eligible students, ages 6–21. Student exceptionalities include Autism Spectrum Disorders, Neurological Impairments and/or Other Health Impairments.

Our programs help curb “summer learning loss” and keep students actively engaged in the learning process during the summer months.



ESY

## Our programs offer:

- Academic Instruction in Reading, Math and Language Arts
- Social and Leisure Skills Programs
- Vocational Experiences
- Post-Secondary Training
- Integrated Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies
- Small Class Size
- Experienced Staff
- On-site Behavior Support

For more information visit [www.summermatters.org](http://www.summermatters.org) or call 610.296.6725 x115

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Our ESY Programs are a part of the Summer Matters program of Valley Forge Educational Services.

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School Year Programs



Six week summer  
maintenance programs...



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# Extended School Year Programs

*“The program is a wonderful complement to his school year program. It provides continuity with reinforcement of academics and behavior goals.”*

**Patty Maguire, Parent**

## The ESY Program at The Vanguard School

**(Ages 6–17)**

This ESY program offers intensive, individualized instruction in academics and social skills. Morning academic periods focus on reading, math and language arts skills maintenance. Students also receive speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and counseling as specified on their Extended School Year IEPs.



Students spend afternoons participating in structured leisure programs that allow them to reinforce and maintain social and behavior skills.

### Weekly afternoon activities include:

- “Summer Clubs” (Cooking, Crafts, Gardening, Music, Computers)
- Swimming/Water Play
- “The Buddy Program”
- Community Service Projects
- Campus Based Vocational Training

## The VTC Summer Experience

**(Ages 18–21)**

The Vanguard Transition Center, under the auspices of the Summer Matters program, offers a six week experience that focuses on life skills, vocational and post-secondary training. All students participate in weekly workshops focusing on time and money management, interpersonal skills, self-advocacy and recreation/leisure skills.

**Participating students are assigned to one of three cohorts:**

- **Post-Secondary Education** – for students currently attending or preparing to attend college, trade school or Vo-Tech
- **Workforce Development** – for students seeking or currently working in community based employment
- **Vocational/Life Skills** – for students bridging to work, housing and community support from adult agencies

A weeklong *“Independent Living Residency”* is a critical feature of the program. All participating students are encouraged to spend one week residing together, along with experienced support staff, at Camp HOPE in Schwenksville (PA) while attending regularly scheduled daily programming.



## Referral Process

### For Families:

Families interested in having a son/daughter attend one of our ESY programs should notify their child’s IEP team of their interest in our program. ESY eligibility and services are determined by the child’s IEP team.

### For School Districts:

School Districts interested in having a student attend one of our ESY programs should send the student’s current IEP and most recent evaluation report to the address below. Once a student is accepted into the program, a contract will be issued to the student’s school district.

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